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FOR DR. JOHN DARDIS OGS/APT/SA

PASS TO NOAA FOR NELS E. JOHNSON (TEL: 202-377-2977)

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SUBJECT: DRAFT METEOROLOGICAL AGREEMENT FOR COLOMBIA

REF: BOGOTA 12070 STATE 296419

1. EMBOFFS AND NOAA REPRESENTATIVES MET WITH TERESA IVARS DE ZEA, ASS'T FOR ECON AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 6. EXPECTED REPRESENTATIVES FROM HIMAT CANCELLED THEIR ATTENDANCE AT LAST MOMENT. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATIONS WITH SRA. DE ZEA AND AUGUSTO QUINTERO, A MEMBER OF HER STAFF, TWO PROBLEM AREAS SURFACED.

2. FIRST, HIMAT HAS FAILED TO COORDINATE PROPOSED DRAFT METEOROLOGICAL AGREEMENT WITH MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, ITS PARENT ORGANIZATION, OR WITH NAT'L PLANNING DEPT, WHOSE APPROVAL IS REQUIRED FOR BUDGET PURPOSES. DISCUSSIONS WITH BOTH ENTITIES ARE CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS.

3. SECOND, CVNCEPTUALLY GOC REPRESENTATIVES VIEW SAN ANDRES STATION AS OF PRIMARY IMPORTANCE TO USG AND BOGOTA STATION AS OF PRIMARY IMPORTANCE TO GOC.

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THEY SEEK OVERALL AGREEMENT WHICH AFFORDS GENERALLY

EQUAL CONDITIONS FOR BOTH STATIONS. EMBOFFS PASSED
COPY OF DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT AND MEMORANDUM
OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR SAN ANDRES STATION TO FOREIGN
MINISTRY REPRESENTATIVES ON DEC 2 ALONG WITH
DR.

WHITE'S LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 29, 1976, WHICH
ADDRESSES ITSELF TO THE BOGOTA STATION. THE SAN
ANDRES PROPOSAL SPELLS OUT IN DETAIL ALL FACETS
OF THE OPERATION OF THE STATION DURING THE THREE
YEAR TERM OF THE AGREEMENT. DR. WHITE'S LETTER
PROVIDES GUARANTEES FOR THE OPERATION OF THE
BOGOTA STATION BUT OF NECESSITY DOES NOT DEFINE
SPECIFIC CONDITIONS AS DONOR NATION IS NOT IDENTIFIED.
EMBOFFS DID NOT PASS DRAFT VAP PROCEDURES FOR BOGOTA
STATION AS TO DO SO WOULD HAVE REVEALED TO GOC THAT
USG WAS ULTIMATELY PREPARED TO ASSUME ROLE OF DONOR
NATION. GOC REPRESENTATIVES SEEK ASSURANCES THAT
AGREEMENT COVERING BOGOTA STATION WILL PROVIDE FOR
GENERALLY EQUAL TRATMENT AS TO EXPENDABLES, EQUIPMENT
AND MAINTENANCE SERVICE FOR THE FULL THREE-YEAR
PERIOD AS AT SAN ANDRES.

4. NEXT MEETING IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR
AFTERNOON THURSDAY, DEC 9. IN THE INTEREST OF MOVING
TOWARDS AN AGREEMENT IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL TO
STATE US WILL BE THE DONOR NATION FOR BOGOTA WHICH WILL
ENABLE EMBOFFS TO PASS DRAFT VAP PROCEDURES FOR
BOGOTA STATION. IF NOAA WISHES AN AGREEMENT BY
EARLY JANUARY, EMB MUST DEFINE BOGOTA COMMITMENT SPECIFICALLY
NOW.

5. PLEASE ADVISE BY MORNING OF DECEMBER 9.
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